



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1639-MC

**DATE:** March 21, 2016

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Certified Nurse Midwives, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Federally Qualified Health Clinics, Rural Health Clinics, Clinical Social Workers, Behavioral Health Providers, Behavioral Health Intervention Services Providers, Habilitation Providers, Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC), Community Mental Health Centers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Billed on the UB-04

**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2016

The IA Health Link managed care program will begin on April 1, 2016, instead of January 1, 2016. This letter provides direction to mental health and substance abuse service providers regarding billing the IME for the period beginning January 1, 2016, until the launch of the IA Health Link on April 1, 2016.

The Iowa Plan ended December 31, 2015. For dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, the IME is responsible for coverage of Medicaid funded mental health and substance abuse services previously paid through Magellan until the launch of the IA Health Link on April 1, 2016. Please refer to Informational Letter [1613-MC<sup>1</sup>](#) for further information.

Mental health and substance abuse service providers who previously billed Magellan for services using four digit revenue codes 1001 and 1002 will bill the IME using the appropriate three digit **Revenue Code** on the UB-04, Health Insurance Claim Form as identified in the table below. Claims not billed with the appropriate revenue code will result in denial of the claim.

Revenue Code	HCPCS Description
905	Services that are intended to treat a primary psychiatric diagnosis
906	Services that are intended to treat a primary substance abuse disorder diagnosis

<sup>1</sup> [https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1613-MC\\_Billing\\_Updates-for-Mental\\_Health-and-Substance\\_Abuse\\_Services.pdf](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1613-MC_Billing_Updates-for-Mental_Health-and-Substance_Abuse_Services.pdf)

**UB-04 Claim Form:**

When completing the UB-04 claim form, the taxonomy code entered on line 81 of the claim form is the taxonomy code confirmed during NPI verification or during enrollment with the IME. Using a taxonomy code that does not match the billing NPI will result in claim denial. The appropriate credentialing modifier must be entered on the claim form in addition to the procedure code to reflect which specialty is providing the services. Claims billed without entering a credentialing modifier on the claim will be denied.

The IME has detailed claim form instructions for all providers which are found on the [DHS Claim Forms and Instructions](#)<sup>2</sup> web page

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or email at [IMEproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:IMEproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/Providers/claims-and-billing/ClaimsPage>